



Monthly Update

Month Ending: April 30, 2005

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 6,723 initial claims were filed during the month of April, an increase of 1,180 (21.3%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 336(-4.8%) from a year ago. Of the 6,723 initial claims filed this month, 482 (7.2%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,178 monetary determinations issued in April, 142 (4.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 54,572 weeks were claimed during the month of April, a decrease of 14,397(-20.9%) from the previous month and a decrease of 4,719 (-8.0%) from a year ago. There were 51,366 payments made in April, which resulted in payments totaling \$16.8 million. There were 4,764 (9.3%) partial payments issued in April 2005 compared to 5,154 (9.5%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$327. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.9 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 265 initial claims were filed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 251 (48.6%) from the previous month and a decrease of 73 (21.6%) from April 2004. It is estimated that 55 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,602 first payments and 1,555 final payments were issued in April 2005. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 38.4 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,948 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of April 2005. Of the 1,948 determinations, 1,403 (72.0%) were separation issues and 545 (28.0%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 697 (49.7%) separation issues and 450 (82.6%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 456 appeal decisions were filed with the Board of Review in April 2005. Of the 456 filed, 403 (88.4%) were filed by UI applicants and 53 (11.6%) were filed by employers. The Board upheld the director's decision in nearly two-thirds of the cases.

April Claims Summary

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date	
				Previous Month	Year Ago	2005	2004
Initial Claims	6,723	5,543	7,059	21.3%	-4.8%	29,690	31,401
Monetary Determinations	3,178	3,527	3,335	-9.9%	-4.7%	18,886	20,001
Monetary Ineligible	142	238	253	-40.3%	-43.9%	1,200	1,518
Weeks Claimed	54,572	68,969	59,291	-20.9%	-8.0%	274,291	293,168
Number of Payments	51,366	67,517	54,347	-23.9%	-5.5%	256,371	268,182
Amount of Payments	\$16,816,659	\$22,682,538	\$17,063,368	-25.9%	-1.4%	\$85,070,567	\$84,641,611
Average Payment	\$327	\$336	\$314	-2.5%	4.3%	\$332	\$316
Partial Payments	4,764	5,859	5,154	-18.7%	-7.6%	21,625	22,682
Average Duration	15.9	16.0	16.1	-0.4%	-1.0%	-	-
Exhaustion Ratio	38.4	37.9	40.9	1.3%	-6.2%	-	-
First Payments	2,602	3,164	2,748	-17.8%	-5.3%	17,257	18,164
Final Payments	1,555	1,417	1,459	9.7%	6.6%	5,653	6,103
Workshare Initial Claims	265	516	338	-48.6%	-21.6%	1,582	1,725
Workshare Equivalency	55	115	80	-52.2%	-31.3%	370	407